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1. DURING THE MEETING BETWEEN VICE MINISTER OF MINING GLANOWSKI AND OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ON MARCH 2 GLANOWSKI SAID THAT THE POLES HAD BEEN SLOW IN RESPONDING TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS COAL COOPERATION IN MID-MARCH. HE SAID THAT POLAND WAS STILL WILLING TO SEND ITS EXPERTS TO THE UNITED STATES ON MARCH 13 BUT HE WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS IF THE U.S. NOW HAD A DIFFERENT IDEA. DR. WHITE OF DOE SAID THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO POSTPONE THE MEETING FOR SOME TIME AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE HELD THE WEEK OF JUNE 12. WHITE STRESSED TO THE POLES THAT WE VALUE HIGHLY COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS WITH POLAND AND THE POSTPONEMENT IS MERELY TO A TIME WHEN MORE OF THE
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APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WILL BE FREE TO MEET WITH THE POLISH SIDE.

2. GLANOWSKI AGREED TO THE DATE PROPOSED, BUT HE SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM IT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT. HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD CONFIRM THE TIMING AND ALSO SEND A

LIST OF SPECIFIC SUBJECTS WHICH THE POLES WOULD LIKE
TO DISCUSS AT THIS JUNE MEETING.

3. WE THINK THAT THE MEETING IN JUNE WILL ALLOW US
MORE TIME TO PREPARE PROPERLY TO RECEIVE THE POLES
FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES OF
COOPERATION. GLANOWSKI SEEMED QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE
NEW DATES. CHRISTOPHER

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